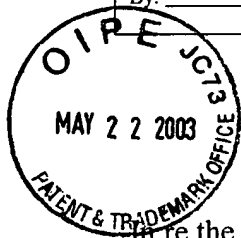


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AND METHOD FOR
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 2, 2003, which set forth the following groups of claims:

I. Claims 1-37, drawn to an endovascular graft and method of forming a joint, classified in Class 623, subclass 1.32.

II. Claims 38-61, drawn to a method of securing a member to a flexible material portion of an endovascular graft, classified in Class 600, subclass 36.

Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-37, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional or related application to the claims of non-elected groups.

Respectfully submitted,

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